

13. The method according to claim 12, which comprises crimping  
the connector onto the branch upon detecting a presence of an end  
of the branch in the crimping station. --

Remarks:

The preliminary amendment is being filed in an effort to present  
an application in proper U.S. format and to present claims in  
proper U.S. claim idiom for examination.

The newly entered claims are fully supported in the original  
claims, which were the subject of the Preliminary International  
Examination Report.

An early action on the merits of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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